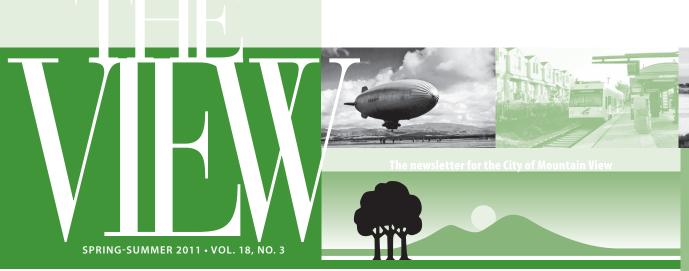
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STEVENS CREEK TRAIL

The City Council has awarded a \$4.1 million contract for the construction of the Stevens Creek Trail extension from



the Sleeper Avenue neighborhood access point over Highway 85 to a landing area at the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way. A groundbreaking will take place in March.

State and regional grants totaling more than \$1.7 million will finance a large share of the construction cost, including an \$800,000 River Parkways grant from the California Natural Resources Agency. The City is one of thirty-one agencies out of 125 applicants statewide to receive this State park grant.

The completion of this extension will open the trail to the residential neighborhood east of Highway 85 and bring the trail closer to the City limit. The new

neighborhood access point is expected to increase the number of pedestrians and bicyclists using the primary segment of Stevens Creek Trail between Sleeper Avenue and the San Francisco Bay.

Construction will take approximately one year to complete. For additional information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

GENERAL PLAN

This December, the City Council endorsed the strategy to update the City's General Plan, a document that will be used to guide future development in Mountain View. As part of the strategy, the City held a series of community meetings with residents, community members, and representatives from the City to help gather community ideas.



EIR process will begin in 2011, along with the drafting of the General Plan chapters covering topics such as land use, parks and open space, and infrastructure.

The Environmental Planning Commission will continue to review General Plan materials as they are developed. The Draft General Plan and EIR are expected to be released in Summer 2011 for formal public review and comment.

For further information, please visit www.mountainview2030.com or contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

CITY BUDGET UPDATE

As is the case with all levels of government throughout the country, the City has needed to actively respond to the ongoing impacts of the "Great Recession" of the last three years. Over these difficult years, revenues to the City's General Operating Fund (GOF) have been negatively impacted. This fund provides most City services and is very dependent on the performance of the overall economy. With the significant economic challenges of this time, key City revenues, including sales tax and property taxes, have decreased. At the same time City expenditures were expected to grow. The City has been required to take decisive actions over the last two budget years in order to keep Mountain View fiscally stable during this downturn. Unfortunately, this challenging trend continues into the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget.

Two years ago as the City prepared the FY 2009-10 budget, Mountain View faced a projected \$6.0M General Operating Fund budget deficit. Through aggressive efforts including the reduction of positions and assistance from employee organizations to contain compensation cost growth, the projected deficit was reduced to approximately \$1.6M. Aggressive cost management during the FY 2009-10 resulted in the City under spending the budget, and the City ended the fiscal year with revenues slightly exceeding actual expenditures. For FY 2010-11 the City faced a substantial challenge with a total projected structural deficit of \$4.6M. The City developed a "multi-prong" proactive budget management strategy and implemented many additional organizational efficiencies, revenue enhancements (mainly fees for services), and compensation cost growth containment and expenditure reductions (including staff positions), which resulted in the projected deficit being eliminated for FY 2010-11. However, while the budget was balanced, it was done with a very slim margin with projected revenues exceeding projected expenditures by less than ½ of 1% of the GOF budget.

As the City assesses the current fiscal year and the FY 2011-12 budget, GOF revenue growth is not matching projections due to the slow rate of economic recovery. While some revenue categories are performing better than estimated in the FY 2010-11 budget, property taxes are performing below expectations due to lower than estimated assessed values. In addition, City investment earnings are not meeting expectations due to continuing depressed interest rates. Given these challenges additional corrective actions will be needed. An anticipated gap of approximately \$2.1M is forecast for FY 2011-12 and a strategy will be developed to ensure a structurally balanced budget.

The City is currently developing options for addressing this challenge while minimizing impacts to services. The City Manager will present a balanced budget framework for the upcoming fiscal year to the City Council on March 8 with anticipated budget hearings in May and adoption in June. For further information on the City budget, please contact the City Manager's Office at (605) 903-6301. (Also see sidebar on this page for ways to stay informed.)



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Join us
Saturday, April 23
for the 33rd Annual Downtown
Parade, Castro Street, at 12:00
noon. Rain or shine!

Check out the Community Calendar of Events on page 7 for more information

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Do not miss these annual community events this Spring:

- Arbor Day Celebration March 12
- Downtown Parade April 23
- Community Yard Sale May 14
- Rengstorff House Anniversary Celebration May 22
- Library Family Picnic June 9
- July 4 Celebration at Shoreline July 4

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Kevin Duggan, the longest serving City Manager in the history of Mountain View, has announced his retirement effective April 2, 2011. Mr. Duggan,



who was appointed City Manager in July of 1990, joined Mountain View after having served the City of Campbell in several capacities over 18 years, the last six as its City Manager. His selection as Mountain View's City Manager allowed him to "return home" since he had lived in the community while attending high school and college, and began his public service career as a Student Intern in the Mountain View City Manager's Office in June of 1971.

Mr. Duggan served as President of the City Manager's Division of the League of California Cities for 2009, President of Cal-ICMA from 2003 to 2005 (the California chapter of the International City/County Management Association), and Chair of the Santa Clara County City Manager's Association. Kevin Duggan is a credentialed city manager through the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). He is also a volunteer ethics trainer for that organization. Additionally, he received gubernatorial appointments and (cont'd. on page 2)

Ways to stay informed about the City's budget:

- Sign-up for budget updates by E-mail by sending an E-mail to citybudgetinfo@mountainview.gov.
- Subscribe to budget E-mail notifications on-line on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov.
- Sign-up with your E-mail to the new on-line service "Ask Mountain View" and request budget updates.
- Contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 with comments or questions.
- Check-out future editions of *The View*, the City's newsletter.
- Tune-in to the cable broadcast of scheduled budget meetings on channel KMVT-26.
- Download webcasts of City Council meetings any time.

NEWS FOR YOU

CITY MANAGER (cont'd from page 1)

served on other boards, groups and organizations.

The City has achieved much over the last 20 years, highlights of which include:

- Responsible Fiscal and Budget Management: 20 consecutive years of balanced budgets while increasing reserves and achieving an AAA credit rating. This was accomplished while weathering three major economic downturns over this 20-year period. During the "Great Recession" of the last two years, an \$8.5M structural deficit was eliminated.
- Major Capital Investments: While improving the maintenance of basic infrastructure including streets, buildings, and the water and wastewater systems, major capital projects have been completed including the addition of 12 neighborhood parks, the completion of the City Hall/Center Civic Center Complex, the construction of the Mountain View Library, the construction of Steven's Creek and Permanente Creek trails, the construction of 3 fire stations, the new Senior Center, the rebuilding of the City's Municipal Operations Center and major public investments in downtown Mountain View.
- Organizational Efficiencies: The City organization has been restructured to reduce the number of City departments, create organizational efficiencies, and reduce the number of City employees while enhancing services in high priority service areas.
- Development of a Customer Service Driven Organization: Customer service has been established as a primary organizational value with quality and responsive service to the City's residents and customers being the organization's highest priority.

The City Manager works through the appointment and under the direction of the City Council and the recruitment process has begun for a new City Manager. On January 11, 2011, the Mountain View City Council selected Melissa Stevenson Dile to serve as Interim City Manager from April 2, until a new City Manager arrives (anticipated to be in the new Fiscal Year). Ms. Dile has served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Mountain View since September 2010. As the Assistant City Manager, she is responsible for a broad range of services and strategic initiatives from labor negotiations to assisting in budget development. She directs the management of the City Manager's Office, which includes the Human Resources Division and serves as the City Manager in his absence. Most recently from June 2006 to September 2010, Ms. Stevenson Dile was the Assistant City Manager for the City of Fremont. For additional information, please call (650) 903-6301 or E-mail kimberly.thomas@ mountainview.gov.

ASK MOUNTAIN VIEW/ASK MV APP

Get the Answers You Need

Ask Mountain View is a new online service that provides 24-hour access to City Hall by allowing residents to quickly and easily E-mail staff with questions, concerns, or compliments via the City's website. The service provides a list of topic



area designations so that messages can be routed to the proper department to help ensure a speedy reply during regular business hours.

Citizens can also track the status of their E-mail, phone, or postal mail inquiries on-line. Thousands of users have already enjoyed a variety of benefits of the new Ask Mountain View system.

Now citizens can use their iPhones to point, click, and send a message to City Hall quickly by using a new, free Ask Mountain View iPhone application. Requests and feedback are routed directly into the Ask Mountain View system and users can check the updated status of their requests anytime, anywhere. Download the application on-line at the iPhone App Store or on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. In the future, the City expects other smart phone platforms will be offered. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or E-mail kimberly.thomas@ mountainview.gov.

MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER

With my April 2 retirement rapidly approaching, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Mountain View community for the opportunity to have served as your City Manager over the last 20 plus years.

Mountain View is a special community and it has been a personal and professional pleasure to work here. I found the residents of this City to have high expectations of their City government. We have worked hard to meet those expectations. I have also found the members of this community to be willing to commit the time and effort necessary to have an exceptional City. Your continued support of our efforts to seek ways to further improve Mountain View has been fundamental to any success achieved. I hope you agree with me that Mountain View is a unique community and a great place to live and I appreciate your contributions to making it so.

I have had the pleasure to work with a very strong and effective group of city councilmembers. While quite varied, at times, in philosophy and personality, they have had the concerns and interests of the residents, property owners and business owners of this community as their primary concern. It has also been a pleasure to work with many advisory commission and committee members, representatives of the local school districts, as well as representatives of other local government agencies, non-profits, and neighborhood associations.

It has also been my good fortune to work with an outstanding group of City department heads and staff members from all departments and levels of the organization. They have been willing to meet the high expectations of the City's Mission Statement to strive to "provide quality services and facilities" to this community.

Having been a resident of Mountain View for almost 30 years, I have had the unique opportunity to be both a long-time resident and to serve as the City Manager. While I will miss my daily involvement in this fine organization, I look forward to contributing to the community in other ways as my wife, Robin, and I consider Mountain View our permanent home.

Thanks again for all your help and assistance. I look forward to "seeing you around town."

-Kevin C. Duggan

CITY COUNCIL SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT IN HIRING **NEW CITY MANAGER**

The Mountain View City Council invites you to a special meeting of the City Council on Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mountain View City Hall located at 500 Castro Street. The purpose of the meeting is to invite the public to share their input on the attributes and skill sets needed for the next City Manager for Mountain View. The City Manager is responsible for implementing policies adopted by the City Council and for administering the day-to-day operations of the City. (The City Manager acts in a similar role to that of a Chief Executive Officer or "CEO.")

The public is also welcome to share their thoughts and ideas by E-mailing cmrecruitment@mountainview.gov if they are unable to attend the meeting. The City Council is working with a professional recruiter on selecting the best candidate for the Council appointed position. The applicant recruitment period closes on March 28th. The recruitment process is expected to be completed by June 2011.

E-mail: public input will be sought through Friday, April 15th at cmrecruitment@mountainview.gov.

Meeting Details: Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Mountain View City Hall located at 500 Castro Street.

For Further Information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or by E-mail at: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov.



SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Last year, Santa Clara County began implementation of a new Alert and Warning Call Out System that enables officials to notify residents of large-scale emergencies, such as earthquakes, fires, crimes, hazardous material spills and infectious diseases by calling their landline and cell phone and sending text messages and E-mail.

Currently, the County has the landline number for most County residents in its database. In order to make the system more effective, the County is asking residents to register their cell phone numbers and E-mail addresses, and to check to see if their landline is listed by going to www.alertscc.com. For more information about the new system, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

Sign up today at www.alertscc.com

NEW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENT

All newly constructed residential buildings must now have an approved carbon monoxide alarm installed in living and sleeping areas where fuel burning appliances are installed, and in living areas with attached garages.

The requirement is part of a new California State building code adopted in 2010.

The new code is intended to prevent deaths and injuries caused by poisoning from the odorless, colorless gas. California homeowners are required to install

carbon monoxide detectors in existing single-family homes that have a fossil-fuel burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage, on or before July 2011. The bill also requires that all other residential units install carbon monoxide detectors on or before January 1, 2013.

The California Air Resources Board advises an average of 30 to 40 avoidable deaths occur in California each year because of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/fire.

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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



HIGH SPEED RAIL

In November 2010, the Central Valley section was identified as the first portion of the California High-Speed Rail (CHSR) Project to receive \$4.3 billion of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal grant funding that has already been designated for the CHSR project and begin construction. This decision reprioritized the environmental review process for all the high-speed rail sections of the 800-mile long CHSR system currently under study.

On February 3, 2011, the CHSR Authority announced that the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the San Francisco-to-San Jose section (slated for release in December 2010) will not be available until at least 2012.

The delay means Mountain View and other Peninsula cities along the Caltrain corridor will not know for at least a year how the high-speed train tracks will run through our communities — below ground, on a raised platform or at street level. Also delayed will be the selection of a possible mid-Peninsula station, which the Authority officials are considering for Redwood City, Palo Alto or Mountain View, in addition to the confirmed stations in San Francisco, Millbrae and San Jose.

During this delay, the City will continue to monitor developments regarding the CHSR project and provide input to the CHSR Authority on the DEIR/DEIS as they relate Mountain View.

For additional information about the high-speed project, please visit www.mountaiview.gov or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6523. The CHSRA Authority website is www.chighspeedrail.ca.gov.



YOUTH ACTION PLAN

The City Council adopted the Youth Action Plan (YAP) recently, which defines a common philosophy and vision for youth programs and services citywide. The YAP development process included input from the City Council, City staff, and local youth organizations. The Plan was developed in conjunction with the current update to the General Plan and alignment to the City's Recreational Plan, the long-range document that is used to guide future youth development.

The Plan sets eight areas that youth services provided by the City will foster including:

- strong families
- · civic engagement
- internal collaboration
- community collaboration
- youth programs
- · staff as role models
- healthy living
- personal safety

To download the Youth Action Plan, visit the City's website or E-mail Kimberly Castro, Youth Resources Manager, at kim.castro@mountainview.gov.

PERMANENTE CREEK TRAIL

The City held a groundbreaking in December to begin construction on a project to extend the Permanente Creek

Trail from its current terminus on the north (Bay) side of Highway 101 to the south side of Old Middlefield Way. The project includes



constructing a pedestrian/bicycle crossing over Highway 101 and a tunnel under Old Middlefield Way. The project is expected to be complete in early 2012.

The trail extension will provide a safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle connection across a busy roadway and major highway. The extension will connect the neighborhoods south of Highway 101 with the commercial and recreational facilities in the North Bayshore area.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

ENERGY UPGRADE MOUNTAIN VIEW

No-Cost Home Energy Assessments

In Spring 2011, the City will launch a home energy assessment and upgrade program for Mountain View residents, including single-family homeowners, multi-family

property owners, single-family renters and multi-family renters. On a first-come, firstserved basis the program will enable residents to receive a no-cost assessment of their home energy use, including energy saving devices and information about additional ways to save energy and money in the home.



The Energy Upgrade Mountain View program is being paid for by Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding, and is one of several City efforts currently underway to meet the City's goal of reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels.

For more information about Energy Upgrade Mountain View, please visit www.energyupgrademv.org or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The City of Mountain View is currently reviewing and updating its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The purpose of a UWMP is to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands. As part of a UWMP, water suppliers are required to assess water demands and supplies over a 20-year planning horizon and report on various water conservation efforts. The UWMP also incorporates water shortage contingency planning and drought response actions.

The California Water Code requires that urban water suppliers with 3,000 or more service connections or supplying 3,000 or more acre-feet of water per year update their UWMP every five years. Mountain View's UWMP was last updated in 2005. Any proposed revisions to the City's UWMP will be made available for public review and adopted following a public hearing in mid-2011. All customers are welcome to participate in this process. For additional details regarding the UWMP update, contact Elizabeth Flegel, Water Conservation Coordinator, at (650) 903-6774 or elizabeth.flegel@mountainview.gov.

See www.conservewater.mountainview.gov for helpful water conservation information

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT **UPDATES**

MAJOR PROJECTS

The City is currently moving forward with proposals for several new private developments in Mountain View. For more information on these proposals, as well as other development projects in the City, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

455 WEST EVELYN AVENUE

Construction is scheduled to begin late this Spring on a project by the Prometheus Real Estate Group to build 203 apartment units with underground parking on 3.5 acres bounded by West Evelyn Avenue, Bush Street, Villa Street, and a new public street. The project was approved by the City Council in May 2010.

455 SAN ANTONIO CENTER PROPOSAL

The City is examining a proposal from developer Merlone Geier to build a mixed-use retail and residential project on 16.3 acres of the 56-acre San Antonio Shopping Center site. The project consists of 311,000 square feet of new retail space and 325 to 350 residential units. The Environmental Planning Commission and the City Council will also review the

Environmental Impact Report as part of the proposal. City Council hearings on the project are anticipated in late Spring 2011.



100 Mayfield Avenue

Summit Land Partners and Lyon Homes continue to develop an Alternate Master Plan for an area along Mayfield Avenue that calls for approximately 255 residential units, two public parks, and a pedestrian and bicycle tunnel under Central Expressway to the Caltrain station. The City Council reviewed preliminary plans and discussed the developer's proposal for a lower density product last November. Public hearings for the Alternate Master Plan are expected this Spring.

NEW PARAMEDIC EQUIPMENT

The Fire Department received a \$180,000 Assistance to Firefighting Grant to fund nine Lifepak-15 monitor/ defibrillators. The defibrillators are medical diagnostic equipment used by Fire Department Paramedics in treating patients. The new equipment replaces older equipment and has been placed into service on all of the City's fire engines.

FREE WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

In partnership with Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation the City of Mountain View is hostfour landscape education classes this Spring to help consumers use water more efficiently.



- Make the Switch, Convert to Drip! Saturday, April 9th, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Step-by-step process of converting your spray irrigation system to drip irrigation.
- So Long, Thirsty Lawn Thursday, April 28th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Water-efficient lawn management, turf alternatives, and lawn replacement techniques.
- Kid-Friendly Water-Wise Gardens Saturday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Outdoor learning and play with butterfly gardens, parent-child garden activities, and childsafe plants and materials.
- The Water-Wise Plant Palette Thursday, May 26, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Attractive plant combinations and seasonal interest plants.

For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000 or E-mail landscape@bawsca.org. Space is limited and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can register for Recreation classes on-line by visiting http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation.

There is fun to be had right
here in Mountain View this Spring and
Summer—for all ages. Community activities
abound for any interest!

RENGSTORFF HOUSE: A HISTORY

Rengstorff House is Mountain View's oldest home and one of the finest examples of Victorian Italianate architecture on the West Coast. The 3,955 sq. ft. 19th Century structure was originally owned by Henry Rengstorff, a Mountain View landowner and rancher.

A movement to restore the home began in the mid-1970s, when a local citizens' group called the Friends of 'R' House formed. As part of the restoration, the house was moved to its current spot on the grounds of Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park. The restoration was completed in 1991 and the City now offers public tours and hosts seasonal events in the house.

The restored home features ornate brass chandeliers, Victorian plaster rosettes, push-button light switches, Bradbury & Bradbury wallpaper designs, and vintage Eastlake furniture. Free tours of the home are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

An exhibit of historic images and memorabilia from the restoration project will be on display from March 6 to May 29. On Sunday, May 22, the City will host an event entitled "Victorian Life: Inside Out, a 20th Anniversary Living History Celebration" from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For additional details on these events, visit www.mountainview.gov or www.r-house.org or call (650) 903-6392.

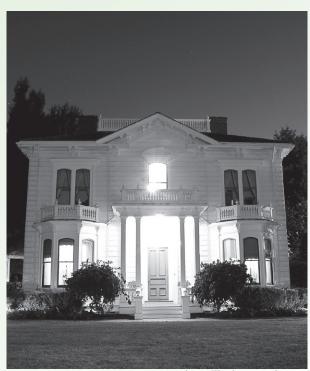


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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AT SHORELINE

The City of Mountain View co-sponsors the annual July 4th celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre again this year. The program will feature the San Francisco Symphony and a spectacular fireworks display.

Mountain View residents will be eligible to receive a limited number of free and discounted tickets. Additional ticket and event information will be available in May on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. For more information, call the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office at (650) 967-4040.

Spring & Summer Fun is Right Here in Mountain View!
(See MORE SUMMER TIPS ON PAGE 7)

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS-MOUNTAIN VIEW'S HISTORIC RENGSTORFF HOUSE

Mountain View's historic Rengstorff House celebrates the 20th Anniversary of its historic restoration with exhibitions and special events throughout the year. Rengstorff House is located in Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park.

WEDDINGS GONE BY: A PHOTOGRAPHIC RETROSPECTIVE

January 9 – February 23

FRIENDS OF 'R' HOUSE SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Sunday, April 17 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



EXTREME HOME RESTORATION

View photos and memorabilia of the house before it was saved from demolition and learn about efforts to restore Mountain View's oldest home.

March 6 - May 29

VICTORIAN LIFE: INSIDE OUT

A 20th Anniversary Event featuring antiques, fashion fancies, vintage cars and entertainment.

Sunday, May 22 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TEADIMENSIONALART BY MARY PAGÓN

June 5 – July 27

Meet the Artist: Tuesday, June 7 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m

FRIENDS OF 'R' HOUSE AUGUST ARTS MONTH

August 2 – 1

BIRDS OF SHORELINE: AFLIGHT!

September 4 – November 20

THIS OLD HOUSE: DRESSED UP IN ITS HOLIDAY BEST

November 27 – January 1, 2012

For additional information about exhibitions, events and rental opportunities with the historic Rengstorff House, visit www.mountainview.gov, r-house.org or call (650) 903-6392.

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

Do not miss Mountain View's free Outdoor Movie Nights this summer, co-sponsored by the Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and the City of Mountain View Recreation Division. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

July 15th – Cuesta Park: "Despicable Me" (PG)

July 22nd – Whisman Park: "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG)

July 29th - Eagle Park: "Megamind" (PG)

August 5th – Stevenson Park: "Princess and the Frog" (G)

August 12th – Sylvan Park: "Toy Story 3" (G)

August 19th – Rengstorff Park: "Tangled" (PG)

For more information on the Summer Outdoor Movie Night series, call (650) 903-6410.



DOWNTOWN PARADE APRIL 23

Mountain View's 33rd Annual Spring Family Parade marches down Castro Street on Saturday, April 23. The parade begins at noon on Castro Street at Villa Street and this year's theme is 'Mountain View in Bloom!'

The fun continues until 3:00 p.m. with children's activities, music, entertainment, and food in Pioneer Park, located just behind Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro Street.

If you or your group would like to participate in the parade, you will find more information and registration deadlines at www.mountainview.gov. Find the Library, Arts, Parks and Recreation link, and then click on Community Events. For additional information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

The following programs are available to young people this Spring.

Middle School Students: Visit the House Teen Center at 298 Escuela Avenue. Activities at the House are free and the House is open Monday-Thursday from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Middle School Students: Club 201 Middle School Dance will be held Friday, April 29 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Ticket sales begin April 18. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets can be purchased during lunch at Crittenden and Graham Middle Schools, the Mountain View Community Center or at The House Teen Center.

Middle and High School Students: Visit Mountain View's Teen Open Gym at the Whisman Sports Center on Saturday nights from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Free basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and more. Also, there are opportunities to learn Latin and other forms of dancing.

High School Students: Attend job and volunteer fairs at each of the City's high schools, sponsored by the

City of Mountain View, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District and NOVA. These free events will be held from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., at Mountain View High School on Wednesday, March 16 and



at Los Altos High School on Wednesday, March 23. In addition, there will be a variety of workshops on both campuses to help students learn to write resumes and learn interviewing skills offered by NOVA.

High School Students: A free indoor soccer tournament will be held on Saturday, March 19 at the Mountain View Sports Pavilion. Get your friends together and sign up to play. Look for information on how to sign up on your school's campus in late February or call Kristine Pardini, Recreation Coordinator, at (650) 903-6410.

For more information about all of these opportunities, visit www.mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6331.

Get Ready for Spring!

For tennis, golf, and aquatic classes inside this issue.

LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Mountain View Public Library offers a wide range of free Summer programs for children, teenagers, and adults. This year's themes emphasize the diversity of stories and places to read about around the world. The reading theme for youngsters is "One World, Many Stories"; the teen program is titled "You Are Here"; and the adult program is called "Novel Destinations".

Sign ups for all programs begin June 1 online and at the Library, located at 585 Franklin Street. An awards program for children and teens will be held on August 10.

Family Kick-off Picnic June 9: Enjoy a family picnic and learn more about Library programs on Thursday, June 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park (located behind the Library). The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake for dessert, followed by as special Peninsula Youth Theatre performance of one of their "Stories on Stage".

Reading Families Program: This program offers reading incentives for preschoolers by inviting them to listen to stories read aloud, along with their parents and siblings.

Preschoolers: A drop-in series of outdoor musical concerts for preschoolers is offered on Tuesday mornings, 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., from June 14 through August 9, featuring live performers.

School-age Children: Enjoy reptiles and birds from around the world, a magic show, and music, as well storytellers and other exciting performers. Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., from June 16 through August 4.

Teen Programs: Watch the Library website for details about special summer activities for teens.

Adult Programs: Watch the Library website for details about special summer programs for adults.

A detailed schedule of programs for preschoolers, children, and teens will be available in early May. Watch the Library website mountainview.gov/library or call Children's Services at (650) 903-6897 for more information.

SEARCH THE LIBRARY CATALOG FROM YOUR PHONE

The Mountain View Public Library now provides mobile access to the library catalog. The "Library Anywhere" app gives iPhones, iPod Touch, Android (v.2.2 and up), BlackBerry and other smart phones the ability to search for books, music, and movies, place holds, renew items, and check your Library record.



Download the free "Library Anywhere" app for iPhones from the iTunes store and for Android phones (v2.2 and higher) from the Android Market by searching for "Library Anywhere." There is also a universal version for other mobile phones that meets accessibility standards.

Visit http://libraryxo.org/mobi or (650) 903-6337 for more information.

SILICON VALLEY READS 2011

Silicon Valley Reads 2011 takes place January through March, with free events happening throughout the county. This year's book is The Year of Fog by Michelle Richmond, a riveting story about a child's disappearance. The Library will co-host an appearance by the author on Sunday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. at Books Inc on Castro Street. The Library has extra copies of the book on hand. For more information, visit www.siliconvalleyreads.org or call (650) 903-6337.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVES SENIOR CENTER & CHILD CARE CENTER

The Mountain View Mobile Library now visits the Mountain View Senior Center and the Mountain View Child Care Center weekly on Thursday mornings. The Mobile Library carries a wide range of popular books, music, and movies for all ages. The bookmobile also has small collections of large print books and audio books on CD. In addition to providing reading material, Library staff provides basic reference and readers' advisory services.

The Mobile Library makes stops at a select number of service points within the City that reflect the diversity of the community, from preschool students, teachers and parents to seniors at independent living facilities to neighborhood residents and employees at corporate campuses.

Visit http://libraryxo.org/bookmo or call (650) 903-6337 to find out more about the Mobile Library.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Medication Disposal/Thermometer Exchange

Bring old and unwanted prescription pills, drugs and other medications (no controlled substances) for safe and proper disposal to the Arbor Day celebration, Saturday, March 12 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park, 500 Castro Street, behind City Hall. Place medicines in zip lock bags. Consolidate pills into one container or zip-loc bag and leave ointments and liquids in original container. For more information, call (650) 903-6378.

Swap old mercury thermometers for less toxic ones while supplies last. Place old thermometers in zip lock bags (separate from medicines). No other household hazardous wastes will be accepted. For more information, call (650) 903-6311.

Quarterly Paper Shredding Events

The SMaRT Station and Recycling Center, located at 301 Carl Road in Sunnyvale, will hold quarterly shredding events for residents of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. Upcoming events are scheduled for:

- Saturday, April 30, 8:00 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, July 30, 8:00 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Proof of residency is required and these events are not for commercial/business customers. Bring unwanted tax returns, bank statements, medical records and other personal documents. Paperclips, staples, spiral notebooks, and rubber bands are acceptable. No heavy binders or binder clips. There is a limit of five bankersized boxes or paper bags per resident.

For more information, call (650) 903-6311.

Annual Community Yard Sale

Do not miss the opportunity to shop for or sell used items at the Community Yard Sale. Join friends,

neighbors, and more than 100 vendors at Rengstorff Park on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for hot bargains and good food. Admission is free. The event will be held rain or shine.

Sellers register to rent space for a \$15 fee. Register by April 15 to secure a sales spot. Registration forms are available at the Community Center located at 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information or visit www.mountainview.gov.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 12 in Pioneer Park, on Church Street between City Hall and the Library. All activities are free and open to the public. The celebration begins at 10:15 a.m. with a children's Arbor Day reading presentation in the Mountain View Public Library. Activities follow in the park with a tree planting at 11:00 a.m., and continue until 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy children's arts and crafts, face painting, and complimentary hot dogs and drinks. Public agencies and volunteer environmental groups will provide information about trees, composting, recycling, and conservation. A tree climbing demonstration by the Forestry Division is also scheduled. Enjoy live music

Mountain View's Annual Arbor Day ceremony will be celebrated rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE **IN THE PARK**

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children's theatre productions this summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, located at 500 Castro Street.

See fairy tales and other children's stories in 45-minute productions each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. from June 24 through August 5. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center's outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

June 24: The King Who Loved His Lollipops

July 1: Henny Penny

July 8: Leilani: A Hawaiian Fairy Tale

July 15: The Adventures of Cobbler and Knobs

July 22: Peter Pan

July 29: The Wish Peddler

August 5: The Brementown Musicians

In addition, four additional performances will be presented at Rengstorff Park:

June 24: Aladdin

July 8: Rapunzel

July 22: The Twelve Geese

August 5: Folk Tales for Fun

The performers are students (ages 6 -11) enrolled in PYT's popular "Children's Theatre in the Park" summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Spring/Summer Recreation Guide for information on how to register your child for a camp.

For more information, call the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES -KEEPING CITIZENS CONNECTED, **KEEPS COMMUNITIES STRONG!**

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM - CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Tyler Phillips, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or go to the City website at www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts - Ushers - Volunteers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 21 and Monday, March 28, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions.

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts - Docents - Volunteers are needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to open the lobby to the public to view art displays from noon to 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or E-mail: Liz@mvcpa.com.

Senior Center - Front Desk - Greet and give informational assistance to senior visitors on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Duties include answering the phone, making appointments, money handling, providing good customer service, & making friends. For more information, contact the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or E-mail: seniorcenter@mountainview.gov.

Senior Center – Computer Lab – Assist seniors in the technology center working with computers. Shifts are available M - F, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail: megan.garverick@mountainview.gov.

The Senior Center - Wii Game Volunteers - Help teach seniors how to use the Nintendo Wii. For more information, call (650) 903-6330.

Deer Hollow Farm - School Year: Teaching Docents - Teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and Native American studies. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. No experience necessary. Training and curriculum are provided. Call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail: dhfarms@mountainview.gov

"For the past two summers, I have been a leader-in-training for several of the recreational summer camps. It's a great experience. If you ever get the opportunity, definitely take it."

> - Emily Tran, Junior at Los Altos High School and **Recreation Department Volunteer**

Police – Home Security Inspection – Volunteers with a background in home construction, home security, or related field are needed to help with security inspections. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment with training provided. Complete an application form at www.mvpd.gov, call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail: pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Police - Field Assistance Volunteer - Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in the false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses as needed. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment with training provided. Complete an application form at www.mvpd.gov, call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail: pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov.

Community Outreach Program - Volunteers bilingual in English and Russian or Spanish are needed to assist staff in providing information about City services at various fairs and events. Requires a 2-4 hour weekend commitment with training provided. For more information, contact Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6145 or E-mail: blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov.

Shoreline at Mountain View - Various Opportunities – Help the public by working in a variety of areas:



- Patrol Rangers assist Shoreline at Mountain View and Stevens Creek Trail users ing trails free of litter.
- recreation resource area.



by providing information regarding routes, park facilities, and safety and by keep-Gatehouse Attendants –

greet visitors, monitor activities, and educate the public about Shoreline at Mountain View, a 750-acre wildlife and



- Environmental Docents educate members of the public on the area's unique history, diverse species, and baylands ecosystem by providing one-hour docent-led walks.
- Garden Volunteers help maintain the Rengstorff House flowerbeds, provide arranged flowers for the interior of the house, and answer visitors' inquiries. Weekday availability is preferred.

- Rengstorff House Docents conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House and lead educational programs exploring Mountain View's early history. Rengstorff House docents may also provide special tours and activities for school/scout groups, senior centers, and other special events.
 - "When volunteering pick something that you are interested in or would like to learn more about as volunteering can be a learning experience as well. Most of all, giving of your self to help others is a wonderful feeling."
 - Sally Corcoran, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts Volunteer
- Exhibitions Assistants provide hands-on support for the installation and removal/storage of artwork and exhibition items at Rengstorff House. They may also collaborate with staff on exhibition strategy, research, and preparation. Current projects include the Home Restoration exhibition, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the restoration of Mountain View's historic Rengstorff House.

For additional information, call (650) 903-6073 or E-mail: kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov

Recreation - Tennis Court Advocates - Tennis marshals are needed to assist with tennis court patrols, tracking hours, report violations, court etiquette and educating the public on court rules and City policies. For

more information, please contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

Recreation

Leader in Training - Young people ages 13-15 are needed to help recreation leaders run summer programs in aquatics, sports, recreation and at Deer Hollow Farm camps. For more information,

contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

Volunteer Services - Keeping citizens connected keeps communities strong!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Downtown Parade - Special Event -Volunteers are needed to help at the 33rd annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 23. Help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths, or be a block monitor. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

YOUTH SUMMER POSITIONS

Leader-in-Training Volunteer - Apply to be a Leader in Training with the City's Recreation Division. Assist with programs such as day camps, preschool, aquatics, and sports. You must be 13-15 years old by June 20, 2011. An application and interview assessment are required.

Beginning February 28, you may pick up an application packet at the Community Center or Graham and Crittenden Middle Schools Afterschool sites. You may also download an application from the City's website: www.mountainview.gov. Applications are due on Friday, April 29 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Recreation Office at (650) 903-6410.

For Calendar updates on all meetings and events, visit the City's website at www.mountainview. gov/events or tune into KMVT (cable TV)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

City Council – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Library Board – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Environmental Planning Commission – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Human Relations Commission - meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Parks and Recreation Commission – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets Quarterly on the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Downtown Committee – meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee - meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., SecondStage, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

Visual Arts Committee - meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Youth Advisory Committee - meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

Senior Advisory Committee – meets the third Wednesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue (there are no meetings held in December and August).

*All dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the City's website, KMVT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

The City of Mountain View continues to offer all residents a prescription discount card that may be used to help lower the cost of medications when they are purchased at participating pharmacies. Residents may pick up a money-saving discount card at any of the following locations:

- City Hall, located at 500 Castro Street
- Community Center, located at 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- Mountain View Public Library, located at 585 Franklin Street
- Senior Center, located at 266 Escuela Avenue
- Child Care Center, located at 260 Escuela Avenue
- Police and Fire Administration, located at 1000 Villa Street

The prescription discount cards are part of an effort by Mountain View and the National League of Cities to try to lower the cost of medications. This program can help make it easier to afford prescriptions.

Learn about which pharmacies participate in the discount prescription card network by calling (888) 620-1749 or online at www.caremark.com/nlc. For more information about the program, call (650) 903-6309.

DROP OFF YOUR EXPIRED, UNUSED, AND **UNWANTED PRESCRIPTIONS**

On Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., the Fire Department is offering residents the opportunity to dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The drop-off location is at the Police/Fire Administration Building located at 1000 Villa Street. This one-day service is a collaborative nationwide effort, in cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and is free and anonymous.

Both solid and liquid medications will be accepted; however, liquid medications should remain tightly sealed in their original container. Please consolidate pills into one container or zip-loc bag and leave ointments and liquids in their original container. Vitamins may be placed in the garbage. *Intravenous solutions*, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted.

Please contact the Fire Department at (650) 903-6365 for additional information or questions, or visit online at: www.mountainview.gov/fire.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Arbor Day Celebration March 12, Pioneer Park, 10:15 a.m. to
- Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange March 12, Pioneer Park, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Downtown Parade, April 23, Castro Street and Pioneer Park, noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Community Yard Sale May 14, Rengstorff Park, 8:00 a.m. to
- Rengstorff House Anniversary Celebration May 22, Renstorff House, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Library Family Picnic June 9, Mountain View Library, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE RESIDENT **TICKETS**

Mountain View residents may purchase tickets for most events at Shoreline Amphitheatre two days in advance of the general public.

To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident



Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Office. Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Amphitheatre Box Office starting in mid-April.

A full description of the Resident Ticket

Program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office.

Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 for more information. (See story on page 4, for information on July 4th.)

SUMMER SAFETY

As Summer heat and activities approach, here are some precautions to ensure safety.

- Drink plenty of fluids and provide water for your pets.
- Avoid excessive exposure to the sun and use sunscreen.
- Dress in lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.
- Limit physical activity during hottest time of day (usually 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.).
- Call 911 for emergencies.

IMPORTANT WATER/POOL SAFETY:

- Teach all children to swim and never let them swim alone.
- A self-closing, self-latching fence should surround backyard pools/spas.
- Use alarms on windows and doors that open to the pool area.
- Mount lifesaving devices by the pool in a visible, accessible location. • Be sure to have a telephone at poolside with emergency number 911 posted on the phone.
- · Learn CPR.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

March 19 and 2,

April 9, 16, 23 and 30,

May 14 and 21,

June 11 and 18. Call (408) 299-7300 for location and an appointment.

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

In Mountain View: April 2 and May 21 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Community Center 201 South Rengstorff Avenue Mountain View. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.